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Mitic wins presidency; FEUQ loses McGill

by Sophie Elliott
and Michelle Cooper

The results of Students' Society's elections last week brought McGill students another executive composed mostly of former councillors.

Meanwhile, all four referendum questions on the ballot passed, which implies several changes for McGill's student government — including autonomy for graduate students, "affirmative action" and withdrawal from the controversial student federation FEUQ.

Only 14 per cent of students (two per cent more than last year) voted in the elections, which were dominated by the catchphrase, "fiscal management."

Current Arts rep Scott Mitic won the presidency, defeating Andrew Richardson. Mitic, who is also the Speaker in Council, said he wants to be "certain that student money is spent responsibly."

He added that Students' Society must be more careful to avoid any more \$24 000 info kiosks.

Karla MacDonald won the position of VP External. MacDonald, who is presently Education rep, had campaigned on repairing McGill's debt crisis with the help of FEUQ, the fledgling province-wide student federation McGill joined last fall.

A strong FEUQ supporter, MacDonald said the referendum decision against FEUQ would make her job more difficult next year. Ironically, her defeated opponent, Jason Prince, ran on an anti-FEUQ platform.

The newly elected VP Finance, Lev Bukhman, expressed the hope that money will be spent with student interests in mind. Bukhman is



Prez-elect Scott Mitic

an Arts Rep to Council this year, and a member of the Alpha Epsilon Pi fraternity.

Alex Johnston, the new VP Internal, wants to enhance the quality of student life with emphasis on recycling services and student orientation. She has been an Arts Senator and Council member for the past year, and is the daughter of McGill's principal, David Johnston.

The new VP University Affairs is Rosalind Ward-Smith, whose platform spoke of "neglected student concerns." She is the only person to be elected who wasn't on Council last year.

Referenda sweep through

In the referenda, besides the FEUQ withdrawal, students voted to approve a somewhat revised Students' Society constitution, as well as a new affirmative action clause.

And the referendum results also ratified the existing agreement to grant the Post-Graduate Students' Society (PGSS) autonomy from the undergraduate Students' Society.

PGSS president Michael Temelini was very pleased with the

result. "Graduates have been waiting for this moment for thirty years. I'm ecstatic."

PGSS VP-University Affairs Tamara Myers echoed Temelini's mood, describing her feeling as "spiritually liberated," although she added that the agreement still has to pass through the Senate and Board of Governors to be valid.

The decision to withdraw from FEUQ, which passed by only 13 votes, was also sponsored by the Post-Graduate Students' Society.

Although part of the dispute over FEUQ was fallout from the grad

autonomy issue, many students also felt FEUQ was too ineffectual to be worth student money. Mix-up over FEUQ fees since last fall's referendum have also garnered hostility towards the infant student union.

Feminists were generally pleased with the wide approval of an affirmative action clause to be added to the Students' Society constitution.

"It was delightful to see a strong majority and no real opposition," said Kelly Gallagher-MacKay, a *Tribune* editor, a disqualified election candidate, and one of a coalition

of campus feminists who pushed for the clause last Fall.

But many people were wary about the clause, which commits the Society to the principle of 'ameliorating the condition of disadvantaged groups'.

Monica Brennan, also in the coalition, questioned the vague wording. She said it's time to challenge the Society. "They have to put this to work. They have a mandate from the students to change. We're really pleased it passed, but let's see some action."

Election results are on page 3.

Senate postpones proposed student services fee hike

by Joel Harrison

Student senators won a small coup Wednesday, when Senate held off approving higher student services fees because of student objections.

Speaking against the fee, student leaders managed to persuade senators to postpone a vote until their next meeting, calling for more information.

Dean of Students Lynn Butler-Kisber's motion to increase student services fees next fall provoked outrage last week amongst student politicians.

Dissenters said information about the hike had been withheld, and that they were more opposed to this than to the hike itself.

"The consultative process was not used to its best advantage," said Students' Society VP Finance Jane Howard. "Students were not given

the information necessary to make a comprehensive decision."

The proposed fee hikes come from a report of the Committee on the Coordination of Student Services (CCSS), suggesting a 6.6 per cent increase. Students said the proposal gave only vague reasons why the money was needed.

The CCSS, composed of both faculty members and students, is supposed to act as an advisory body to the Dean of Students, but has no real decision making power.

CCSS student member Michael Temelini said, "the Dean made a mistake by trying to railroad through the proposals without thinking of the students. We don't like to make a scene, but we were compelled to do so."

The students' arguments included a call for a preliminary budget from the Athletics department. Traditionally, the department

does not reveal its budget until after receiving money from Student Services.

Almost half of the money collected from last year's fee increases went to the Athletics Department budget.

Students' Society VP University Affairs Debbie Pentesco said careful consideration ought to be given to a matter as serious as fee increases. But Pentesco added that Wednesday's meeting was more an understanding than a victory.

"We have not stopped fees from increasing," she said.

CCSS and the Senate Sub-Committee on Finance are now awaiting budgetary breakdowns from participating faculties. The budget will be presented at the next meeting.

Full-time students now pay \$75 for student services. The fee has increased nearly 17 per cent in the last two years.

Racists spraypaint Peel Street, hitting Chabad House and Jewish Studies Centre

by Michael S. Mastarciyan

Anti-semitic spray-paint on a block of Peel St. buildings has Montreal anti-racist groups concerned.

The buildings, between Sherbrooke and Dr. Penfield, were sprayed with nazi swastikas. They included the McGill Centre for Jewish Studies and Chabad House. A residential building at 3610 McTavish was also targeted. Mailboxes and lobby walls were defaced with anti-semitic symbols.

The vandals are believed to be affiliated with local Neo-Nazi groups.

"We can't just strike off events such as this one as mere graffiti. It's graffiti with a message," said Yechiel Glustein of B'nai B'rith.

Glustein said Thursday's incident is not merely symptomatic of a larger problem. He said a B'nai B'rith study on anti-semitism in Canada done over the past year revealed an increase in anti-jewish sentiment.

"We can't allow this sort of thing to become fashionable. It's deplorable, it's unacceptable, and it's total harassment. Racism is definitely on the rise in Montreal," said Pasquale Delgado of the Movement Anti-Raciste du Quebec (MARQUE).

Delgado said police and government are not taking racist attacks seriously enough. He said such events can be highly traumatic for the Jewish community.

Martin Theriault of the Canadian Centre on Racism and Prejudice (CCRP) is also worried, and said many Canadians tend to look at racism as a new issue, brushing it off as a minor problem.

Theriault said the public needs to be educated on the realities of racism in Canada, as well as the detrimental impact attacks such as these have on victims.

"Stiff measures need to be taken against those at the top of these organizations. An attack such as this is a symptom and not the

root, it's only the tip of the iceberg. We hope the courts will deal with the leaders in a strong way to send a message down the line to the small time criminal," he said.

Cynthia Lazar of McGill group Students Taking Action to Network Against Discrimination (STAND) agreed anti-semitism is on the rise. She attributed recent attacks to the Gulf War and the climate it has created.

But Lazar said the current increase in anti-semitic sentiment will eventually decline.

"Anti-semitism fluctuates naturally along with everything else, it goes in cycles," she said.

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Union negotiators face ultimatum

The two unions representing over 130 Physical Plant workers will meet the University at the negotiating table this week with hope of preventing their contract dispute from becoming a strike or lock-out.

According to University negotiator Raynald Mercille, the largest stumbling blocks have been the University's requirement that workers provide medical certificates for any more than two days' absence, and a union demand for paid lunch breaks.

Last Tuesday, union members voted on the University's final offer, but representatives would not comment on the meeting's outcome. They will present their demands today and Thursday to University negotiators in the presence of a Québec Ministry of Labour conciliator.

"We're really at the end of the line. Both sides are aware that we're either at the beginning of a settlement or a conflict," Mercille said.

Physical Plant workers have been working without a contract for eighteen months. In the last three months the workers have refused to work overtime as a pressure tactic.

Peter Clibbon

Sexual Assault Centre gets cash, not status

Students' Society decided Thursday to "strongly recommend" that next year's Council give the McGill Sexual Assault Centre its proposed budget of \$4817, but the group's status will not change.

Sylvia Diiorio, a coordinator, told Council the Centre committee was not as concerned about the budget as it was about its club status.

The centre is presently considered an interest group instead of a functional group. A Student Society by-law requires new groups to "prove" themselves before they are granted "functional" status, considered the more advantageous of the two.

"We have a right to functional group status and we have shown we can do this," said Diiorio explaining that the Sexual Assault Center needs security from Council, not the extra funding.

VP Internal Joanna Wedge responded that the Council is strongly committed to the Center but "all groups are treated equally." The executive motion passed eleven to eight.

Kathleen Hickey

Where there's smoke...

A small fire forced architecture and urban planning students to evacuate the MacDonald-Harrington building Friday morning.

Administrator Maureen Anderson said the fire began in the wood-working shop when sparks flew into the sawdust reservoir. Smoke billowed into the corridor as the building was quickly evacuated.

Porters were able to contain the fire with extinguishers before a city fire engine could get to the scene but firefighters nevertheless decided to flood the woodshop with water.

According to Anderson, no damages were incurred and everything was back to normal before noon.

Peter Clibbon

More mixed META-furs

Students' Society voted Thursday to take away funding for all META anti-fur activities. The Council will also cease to recognize all references to the fur trade in META's constitution.

The decision came after nursing rep Mark Saul reintroduced a motion condemning META as racist. The motion stated that any actions taken against the fur industry affect Natives' right to self determination, a stated policy of the Students' Society.

Saul withdrew the motion in February because he did not wish to stifle debate, but on further research reconsidered this position.

After the meeting, META president Steve Leckie said that the withdrawal of funding does not hurt the group as much as the changes to their Constitution.

"Do we have to change our name to McGill for the Ethical Treatment of Most Animals?" Leckie asked.

Solinites strike back

by Joseph Pickman

Students at the new Solin Hall residence are angry that they're the only McGill residents with 12-month leases, and they're bringing the University to the Québec rental board on the issue.

All other McGill residences offer eight-month leases, but Solin Hall residents are responsible for \$1200 worth of rent over the summer. Under the Québec Civil Code, lessors cannot transfer or sublet school residence rooms.

A subcommittee of the Residence Council of Solin Hall has addressed the McGill Legal Information Clinic and the Students' Society executive, in hopes of getting McGill to terminate their leases by the end of April.

"Many of the Solin Hall residents were not accepted at the residences on the hill," said Jonathan Quaglia, Associate Director of the Legal Clinic.

"It is not justifiable to burden them with a 12-month lease, considering that most of them come

from outside the city and must work during the summers to help pay for the next year's tuition and residence fees."

Several letters were sent to the McGill administration. The residents received only one reply, in which McGill agreed to end the Solin Hall leases after eight months, provided each student finds a new tenant.

Subject to McGill's approval, the letter said, the new tenant would then enter into a new lease for the summer.

"We're not sure that this is legally acceptable," said Quaglia. "The terms of the Civil Code prohibiting lease transfer are explicit."

Furthermore, Solin Hall residents remain bound to the four-month duration of the lease if they don't succeed in finding an appropriate person to hire their room over the summer.

In response to McGill's impractical proposal, the Solin Hall representatives, Legal Clinic and the Students' Society agreed to file sev-

eral introductory claims with the Régie du logement requesting the liquidation of the 12-month leases by April.

In addition, the group asked the Régie to apply the outcomes of these first few cases to all other residents.

To date, McGill has refused to recognize this 'test case' method, so 184 dissatisfied Solin Hall residents have had no other choice but to file separate claims with the Régie, a process that costs over \$60.

The residents are waiting until the Rental Board schedules a hearing, in which their legal rights will be clarified and a judgement will be reached concerning termination of the leases. The decision should come by the end of April.

Bryher Patterson, one of the first Solin Hall residents to file a complaint, said, "When I first came to McGill I was unfamiliar with housing policy. I would have rather remained ignorant. Nevertheless, we'll do what we have to do to get what we want."

McGill women bond at Thomson House

by Kristen Hutchinson

The Post-Graduate Students' Society sponsored a "networking" meeting for all McGill women's groups on Friday, to share information, coordinate resources and establish a plan to work together for change.

Women from staff and student groups voiced the problems they have achieving their goals at McGill and the lack of contact between women's groups on campus.

The delegates wanted to eliminate the view that women's groups are always fragmented and cannot work together. Catherine Annau, graduate (PGSS) rep to the Senate Committee on Women and an organizer of the meeting, said "this is a forum long overdue."

Issues discussed included frats, emergency phones, women's safety on campus, the need for more women's events during Welcome Week and gender neutral language.

Many women expressed concern about frats because they constitute a threat to women. The women cited examples of alleged rape that had occurred at frat parties.

Caroline Moore, a member of the Coalition against Sexual Assault, said she wants McGill to have a sexual assault policy, to acknowledge date rape during Welcome Week and for frats to talk about sexual assault and sexism and try to eliminate it during their rushes and other events.

Many proposals came up about how to better use the groups' resources collectively. The women agreed to work through the McGill Networking Group, an association of academic, administration, support staff and students that discusses women's issues and publishes a newsletter about upcoming women's events.

Anne Cairns, President of the Networking Group, said that presently 10 per cent of its members are students. It was established that one student and perhaps one staff member were needed to coordinate and form links between staff and student groups.

Women's Union representatives said they would include a network position in the fall to fulfill this need.

Tamara Myers, VP University Affairs of PGSS, called the meeting a "very productive start. We need to respond to issues as they come up at all levels of the university."

It was agreed that the networking group would meet in September to decide on issues to be worked upon during the next year. Cairns said the meeting "was a great idea, as women we have many things in common and we need to work towards a common good."

Other participants included members from Employment Equity for Women, Women Against Violence Everywhere, the McGill Center for Research and Teaching on Women, McGill Alumni, Women and Medicine, the Walk Safe Network, and the Sexual Assault Speakers Bureau.

ELECTION RESULTS

The following are the results of last week's elections. Polls closed Thursday.

Students' Society:		Senate: not available	
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Domestic workers' rights swept under the rug

Each year an estimated 2000 foreign domestic workers arrive in Québec to live and work in the private homes of middle- or upper-class families. This figure is increasing, and 97 per cent of them are women.

They take positions as housekeepers and childcare workers, enduring long hours, low pay, low status and abuse. Meanwhile, federal and provincial governments deny them protection and devalue their labour. But some activist groups are demanding that conditions change.

by Stephanie Conway

"Women's work is traditionally undervalued, if valued at all," said Maria Ciampi, president of the board of the Montréal Household Workers Association, a counselling and advocacy group for foreign domestic workers.

Traditional disregard for "women's work," coupled with the racial discrimination facing foreign workers, leaves them powerless and often overlooked by society, said Ciampi.

The Montréal Household Workers Association sent a brief to the Ministry of Employment and Immigration in November 1989 recommending that foreign domestics be allowed to apply for immigrant status after one year, that they not be live-ins, and that they work a maximum of 44 hours with overtime pay if necessary.

But the group was only given six weeks to prepare the brief and there has not yet been a response.

The Women's Legal Education and Action Fund (LEAF) is preparing a challenge to the labour laws, based on the Charter of Rights. The organization has been attacking discrimination against domestic workers since 1985.

LEAF lawyer Leslie Hardy said, "Provincial laws systematically deny protection to domestic workers." Human rights legislation offers no protection, nor are domestic workers able to legally unionize, she said.

One of the worst conditions foreign domestics face is their isolation in the private sphere of the home.

"The work is invisible and isolating, with long hours, endless tasks, and low status, recognition and pay. When work is done by wage earners one can address inequalities, but with foreign workers there are racial, cultural and linguistic barriers," said Sedef Arat-Koc.

Arat-Koc is on the board of Toronto based INTERCEDE, an organization for the defense of domestic workers' rights.

She said it is paradoxical that the state makes efforts to provide domestic workers for Canadian households and then refuses to intervene in childcare provisions.

But Ciampi says government legislation is the greatest enemy of foreign household workers.

"In Canada, politics and legislation are means to disempower more than empower," she said, adding that the situation has grown worse since the government recognized the need for foreign workers with more Canadian women entering the work-force.

job for any reason, she must obtain a "release letter" from her employer as well as the permission of an immigration officer.

Temporary status has had serious implications for workers.

"This regulation makes it difficult for women to leave abusive employers. They are too much at the mercy of immigration officers and it is intimidating for domestic workers to change employers," said Arat-Roc.

"Many basic human rights and freedoms connected with citizenship are taken for granted. But those with temporary status are stuck with one type of job, one employer, and the inability to change or control their lives."

Although the federal program does allow for employee changes, most people are either unaware of the provision or reluctant to use it, said Ciampi. "They don't want to change employers too much as it makes them seem unstable when they apply for immigration status."

But if activists are successful in challenging the legal conditions for

The government argued that including domestics in its labour code would entail including babysitters and part-timers as well. Ciampi's organization sent the province a brief suggesting that this difficulty be avoided by specifying a minimum number of working hours or by requiring that household work be a primary income.

The brief, prepared last spring, pointed out that it is cheaper for a middle-class family with two kids to employ a full-time worker than to send a child to daycare.

Taken for granted

In December 1990 the province revised its Labour Standards Act, but the desired changes have not been made.

The new act protects "domestics whose principle function is to do household tasks in private homes, including those whose principle function is to care for dependants and to effect household tasks not directly related to the immediate needs of the dependant."

According to Ciampi, "This means in effect that in a household where there are kids, a domestic cannot even sweep the steps, as this may be construed as protecting the children's safety."

Ciampi said the new law may have intended to improve conditions but it was actually more regressive in its attempt to spell out specific conditions of exclusion from legal protection.

The most common problem among domestic workers is long hours. According to Arat-Roc, "Long working hours are especially a problem for in-home workers. The workers are taken for granted so that even when they are off-work, the children still might come to play with them."

Ciampi said she knew one domestic worker whose employer went out in the evenings after the kids went to bed. This meant that she was still technically working if the kids needed her and the employer would ring the doorbell for her to answer when they returned.

One employer kept a woman's passport so she couldn't leave. One Belgian woman was forced to work over-long hours but mostly suffered psychological abuse.

Getting organized

"Since she started coming to our group meetings she has become much more assertive," Ciampi said.

According to Ciampi, most of the people she sees come to her when they are in a crisis situation but find out about their rights and stay involved. "Our philosophy is empowerment. We try to get women to be able to demand the minimum."

Ciampi's Montréal organization has been active as a counselling and referral service for domestic workers which helps to compensate for the lack of legal progress.

"We allow them to meet other people, provide necessary information, invite speakers from immigration, and run income tax clinics and self-defense classes," said Ciampi.

And, she said, despite the barriers of the law, conditions for foreign domestics may be improving.

The Montréal Household Worker's Association holds group meetings on the second Sunday of every month at 14h, 5309 Brébeuf near Laurier Metro (Northeast corner of Laurier Park).



Members of the Montréal Household Workers' Association fight for higher wages, government protection and recognition. "Our philosophy is empowerment. We try to get women to be able to demand the minimum," said Maria Ciampi, far right.

Permits to abuse

It used to be that domestic workers came to Canada as landed immigrants. There were still some restrictions and little respect for their work, but they maintained some rights as citizens. But since 1973, federal policy has dictated that foreign domestics must work two years before applying for status as landed immigrants.

"The feds wanted to find ways to ensure a high number of domestic workers and little turnover," said Arat-Roc. She said the government worried that domestics would leave their in-home jobs and take on more sought-after positions in the work-force.

The government began granting temporary permits to foreign domestics prohibiting them from any employment but domestic work. If a foreign worker wants to leave her

domestic workers, they'll face the problem of whether axing the temporary permit program would mean fewer opportunities for people to enter Canada.

And the federal program is only part of the problem. The exploitive situation is compounded by provincial labour law.

Before 1980, the Québec Labour Standards Act excluded all domestics from protection and benefits such as overtime pay, workers' compensation and unemployment benefits.

The law changed after 1980 to protect some housecleaning work, but did not include those whose primary task was to look after children, the elderly or other dependants.

"This meant that even a woman who washed the children's laundry was considered exempt from protection," said Ciampi.

Household workers overworked

From national INTERCEDE survey of 600 foreign workers

- only 35 per cent working regular hours
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- 18 per cent working 50 - 60 hours/week
- 6 per cent working more than 60 hours/week
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All women welcome to Women's Union general meeting. FREE. Info: 398-6823. Union 423, 3480 McTavish. 17h.

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The excellent McGill Drama Festival begins today. Tonight: "The Big Tease" by Carrie Pedersen and "The Book of Jake" by Evan Solomon. \$4.00 students and seniors. \$8.00 general. Tickets: Sadie's and door. Info: 398-6813. Players's Theatre, 3rd Floor, 3480 McTavish. 20h.

Avis Public. Le rassemblement pour l'amitié mondiale fait présentement une enquête sur les personnes victimes d'actes de violence discriminatoire ou raciste. Si vous êtes une de ces victimes, composez le 842-6999.



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Department of English Prizes and Awards

The Kay MacIver Memorial Prize, worth \$275, for the best English essay by an undergraduate on a subject in the field of English Canadian or French Canadian literature, to be nominated by instructors.

CREATIVE WRITING

The PETERSON MEMORIAL PRIZE, worth \$1,500, is open to undergraduate or graduate students registered in a degree program in the Department of English.

The LIONEL SHAPIRO AWARDS FOR CREATIVE WRITING, three prizes of \$1,000 each, to be distributed if possible among the genres of poetry, fiction, screen writing and playwriting. Each prize to be awarded on the recommendation of the Department of English to students in the final year of the B.A. course who have demonstrated outstanding talent. (A note from your academic adviser verifying you will have completed your program requirements and the minimum credits required by the Faculty of Arts (by April 1991) MUST accompany your submission.)

The CLARK LEWIS MEMORIAL PRIZE, worth \$250, is open to major or honours students in the Department of English. The prize is awarded annually or from time to time for original plays staged in the course of the academic year. Forms to be completed (for the creative writing prizes and awards) are available in the Department of English General Office, Arts 155. Submissions must be in duplicate (typed original, one xerox copy).

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Is tax filing easier this year?

Revenue Canada has introduced new measures to simplify the tax filing process. The guides use clearer, plainer language, the Special return has been trimmed down and there are two new "no calculation" returns. The one-page, gold 65 Plus return is for seniors with income from pensions or interest. The white Short return is for people, like students, with simpler tax situations. If you choose one of the "no calculation" returns, we'll do all the calculations, including any federal or provincial credits you may be eligible for.

Got some tips?

First, look in the Guide that comes in your tax package. It gives you step-by-step instructions and helpful tax tips. Read the explanations for the lines that apply to you, and ignore those that don't. If your income situation hasn't changed much from last year, you can use last year's return as a reference.

What if I have questions?

If you can't find the answers in the Guide, you can call the people at Revenue Canada. The best times to get through

are before 10:00 a.m. and after 2:00 p.m. From February 25 through April 30, Revenue Canada's phone hours are extended to 8:00 p.m., Monday to Thursday. There's also an automated phone service called T.I.P.S., for answers to common questions. For a complete list of services and phone numbers in your region, see your Guide.

What other services are available?

You can visit Seasonal Tax Assistance Centres in convenient locations, like shopping malls, for information, guides and forms. See your local newspaper for times and locations. There's also a video called "Stepping Through Your Tax Return" that you can borrow from public libraries or your district taxation office.

Anything I should watch for?

Make sure all the personal information printed on your return is correct, especially your address. Before you start, make sure you have all your receipts and information slips. Check your calculations, and attach all the information that's asked for in the return. These steps will help avoid delays in getting your refund.

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372 - Lost & Found

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374 - Personals

Is your closet getting too small? Gays and Lesbians of McGill offers an information/counseling talkline. Call with questions, problems or just to talk. Phone 398-6822 or drop by Union 417 M-F, 7-10.

In times of stress, panic, chatter, or despair, don't forget McGill Nightline is there! 6pm to 3am, 7 nights a week. 398-6246.

John 10:16 Who were these other sheep whom Christ visited? Did ancient prophets write of his visit to them? For more information and a free book, call 731-0612.

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Baltic Society of McGill information meeting Monday March 18, 5:00 pm. Multicultural Lounge room 401 Student Union Bldg. (University Centre). Info: Astrida 284-6579 or Robert 484-9734.

Women-only potluck Pesach Seder! Sunday March 31st. For info and reservations 843-5612 or 285-5637 before March 24th. Childcare available. All women and children welcome.

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McGill cheerleading tryouts - looking for spirited, athletic males & females to join 1991-92 competitive team. Tryouts held Friday, March 22nd, 1991. In auxiliary gymnasium at Currie Gym, 6:30 pm. For information call Tina (284-6801).

To all Travel Club members. Anyone with complaints, suggestions, pictures to exchange, etc., should see us during Travel Week March 25-

28, Union 107.

Travel Week is nearly here. And the Travel Club would love to hear from anyone with travel experiences to share, especially work abroad programs. Call Jo at 398-6826.

387 - Volunteers

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